

THE GAZETTE.

SATURDAY MORNING JANUARY 16, 1858.

WAS IT A PRESENTMENT?

The doctrine of presentments has its attendant vortices, its lukewarm friends and its bitter enemies. There are few, however, who do not agree that "there is something in it"—a convenient form of expression, which serves to state of argument and satisfy the belief. It is not our present purpose to enter into a discussion in regard to presentment, or to endeavor to prove that they are or are not realities. On the contrary we wish simply to lay the particulars of a striking incident in the history of our former fellow-citizen, the late lamented Merceus Farmer, before our readers, and let them form their own conclusions as to whether or not he was decaying in the works of a presentment or not. The facts in the case come to us from a thoroughly responsible source, and are strictly true.

Merceus Farmer was one of those who went down amid the great waters with the ill-fated Central America. As he had not been seen for some time previous to the sinking of the steamer, the conclusion is irresistible that, after ascertaining the perilous condition to which he was reduced, he retired to his own room, and there remained until the final summons came. That he made no effort to prevail upon the crew to save him, or to save his fellow passengers, and we desire that this fact may be particularly noted. True, it is stated that he was quite unwell at the time of the disaster, but what man, sick or well, would calmly consent to yield himself up to the angry sea without, at least, a struggle for life? But to the facts.

Previous to his departure from San Francisco, Mr. Farmer made a will, which was duly signed, sealed, and left in the hands of the executors named in that will—Dr. Conn and Ebert Johnson, both formerly of this city. In that will he not only made liberal provision for his wife and his five children, but entered into the most minute details in regard to his business affairs. He stated what amount he owed and to whom; how much was owing to him and by whom; gave directions in regard to the manner in which his property should be invested, and how the assets should be employed until his children attained their majority; and spoke particularly of his partners in business, assuring his wife that he had been true to them, and trustworthy, and that she might fully confide in them. Having completed this duty he addressed an affectionate letter to his wife, commending her and the children God had given her, into the custody of Israel's Great Keeper—which letter was sealed up with the will.

Mr. Farmer was one of the most methodic and scrupulous business men to be found—Nice and punctilious himself, in all his dealings, he was wont to exact the same from others, until he became proverbial for his order, system, and thoroughness in his business affairs. The facts which we have just presented may be the natural fruits of the character—such as they are so singular as to cause even those who knew him most intimately no little surprise. Taken in connection with the circumstance that he gave himself up unresistingly, when danger and death stared him in the face, they seem (we say not that they do) to indicate the silent but sublime operations of a solemn presentment.—If they do not illustrate these, they furnish an example of coolness and method which it might be well for many to imitate. It is especially true of Americans that they are accustomed to do business in a hurry, and to spend a little time in making wry faces and explanations in regard to their affairs. Let those who are not willing to receive the dying testimony of poor Farmer in any tender and loftier sense than a proper business example, try, at least, to profit by that. To our minds it has a more impressive and a holier construction.—*Sandusky Journal.*

FALSE PROPHECY.

The prophecy of the sixty consecutive winters, says the Danville News, seems to be a lot. Indeed the fact is just the reverse of the prophet's prediction. January will soon be gone, and during the present winter we have had but one slight snow, no freeze at all, and warm rains in abundance. The winter in Virginia thus far has been much milder than the last was in Louisiana. The serious reflection now is concerning ice—shall we have any for next summer, or shall we not? Let prognosticators answer.

ALEXANDRIA COUNTY COURT. DECEMBER TERM, 1857.—Ordered, That the Sheriff of this County proceed to Hink out, according to Law, all FREE NEGROES who have not paid their Taxes and Levies for the year 1857.

A copy, teste B. H. BERRY, Clerk.

IN ACCORDANCE with the above order, I shall, on the 1st day of February Court, 1858, offer for HIRE in front of the Court House of this County, all FREE NEGROES who have not paid their Taxes and Levies for the year 1857.

E. S. SANGSTER, Sheriff.

Alexandria County, Va.

Jan 7—eod

CARD—EDWARD SNOWDEN having opened a GENERAL AGENCY, corner of 7th and Prince streets, Alexandria, Va., offers his services to the public in prosecuting claims in all the Departments, and before the Court of Claims, buying and selling Real Estate, buying and selling Land Warrants, buying and selling Stocks, negotiating Loans, and all other business of similar character, with promptness.

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Printed catalogues sent to all who desire them.

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T. B. MUNSON, Falls Church, Va.

Nov 13—ottf

NOTICE to persons having accounts upon

my books—I would respectfully state

that all accounts due this January, have been

rendered, or are ready for delivery, and I earnestly

request of my patrons that they be promptly paid.

W. B. RICHARDS, Jr.

Jan 11—1w

FRENCH AND ENGLISH ENGRAVINGS.

I have this day received from New York a large and splendid assortment of French and English ENGRAVINGS, which I will sell

low for cash. Call and examine them at my

store, No. 158, King-street, Alex.

Jan 12

J. P. CLARKE.

SAUSAGE AND PIE MEAT CUTTERS,

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for sale by

JOHN T. EVANS has just received, a large

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Registered and Coupon for sale by

dec 30—tt

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Sole Agents: WM. A. HART, J. R. PIERPOINT, and by Druggists generally, throughout the United States. Jan 11—eodw

VALUABLE POTOMAC LAND, MILL, AND FISHERIES FOR SALE.

As Attorney for the heirs of the late Charles H. Warren I offer for sale the valuable landed estate of RICHARD AND ARKENDALE, lying in the County of Stafford, containing about THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED ACRES.—This estate binds on the Potomac River for six or seven miles, and on Aquia Creek for three or four miles—having upon it valuable FISHERIES—one of which rents for \$1,100 per year. It also contains the most valuable landed estate in Eastern Virginia—a fertile, well adapted to the production of wheat, corn, rye, &c., and is regarded as a highly valuable grass growing land, the blue grass putting up early and abundantly enabling the grazier to drive his cattle to market early in the season. There is a very large supply of valuable TIMBER consisting of oaks, hickories, and a very valuable grist and manufacturing MILL on a never failing stream of water, having a large country custom, and within one mile of the Potomac River. The machinery is of cast iron, new, and all the arrangements of the Mill highly approved. A portion of the purchase money will be required upon the completion of the purchase. It will be sold in lots, and the purchase may be divided into annual installments, running up to the 1st day of January, 1859, as there is a balance of unpaid purchase money yet due upon this land, and a deed of trust thereon to secure said balance. Any sale that may be made will be subject to the confirmation of the Trustee in said deed, or the Circuit Court of Stafford County. It will be sold in whole or in part, as may be agreed upon.

JOHN H. SUTTLE, Garrisonville, Va. Jan 8—2awtf

CLIFTON PREPARATORY SCHOOL.

The first session of this School will be opened on the 1st of October, 1857, and close on the 31st of July, 1858. The design of the School is thoroughly to prepare youths for college, more especially for the University of Virginia. The course of study will embrace everything included in the degree of Master of Arts at our University. The school will be situated in the mountains of Fauquier, a region well known for its healthy climate and beautiful scenery; will be two miles south of Markham Station on the Manassas Gap Railroad, and six miles from Alexandria. Terms: \$25.00 semi-annual in advance, viz \$12.50 on the 1st of October and \$12.50 on the 1st of March.

For further particulars, apply to the Principal, at Charlottesville, Jefferson County, Va., until July 1st, 1857, after that at Markham Station, Fauquier, Va.

REFERENCE: Rev. J. P. McGuire, Rector of E. H. S., Va. Trustees of Charlottesville Academy, Jefferson County, Va.

Mr. A. T. Bledsoe, Professor of Mathematics, University of Virginia.

Dr. G. Harrison, Professor of Ancient Languages, University of Virginia.

Dr. Schiele De Vere, Professor of Modern Languages, University of Virginia.

Dr. McGuire, Professor of Moral Philosophy, University of Virginia.

Mr. Francis Smith, Professor of Natural Philosophy, University of Virginia.

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The Pupils in this Department, studying the common English subjects, with the rudiments of Latin, French, and Mathematics, as the ad- vantages of being taught in large part, by the gentlemen above named—all Virginians, and graduates of the University of Virginia—besides which, competent Female teachers will be employed. Unusual efficiency, it is thought, will thus be given to this important Department.

The next session begins September 15th, and ends the last of June. For terms, &c., apply to either of the Trustees, or to

JOHN A. BROADUS, President.

Board of Trustees, Charlottesville, Va. 21—eodf

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FAIRFAX, J. 27—eodf

FOR SALE—A HOUSE AND LOT

in the village of Millwood, Clarke County, Va., formerly the residence of Dr. Robt H. Little, on a desirable place. It is one of the most desirable in the place, either for a private residence, or for a public house, there being none in the place. Any one wishing to purchase, by writing to me, at Salem, P. O. Fauquier Co., Va., will be promptly replied to.

K. L. HORNER

Salem, Fauquier Co., Va. dec 22—eodf

FOR RENT—The STORE No. 53,

on the north side of King street, next to the corner of Fairfax street. Possession given immediately.

Also, the STORE and DWELLING, No. 6, west side of Fairfax street north, next door to the corner of King street. Possession given immediately.

J. WEST.

HOTEL FOR RENT—The "BEVERIDGE HOUSE," in the town of Middleburg, Va., is offered for rent for the next year.

The house is large, in thorough repair, and has an established custom. B. P. NOLAN, Guardian of N. S. Nolan.

Middleburg, Va. Jan 4—eodf

FOR RENT—A DWELLING HOUSE

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Apply to D. B. Smith, or the undersigned.

Nov 21—eodf

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DRUGS, CHEMICALS, &c.—Nitrate Potash; Sulph. Potash; Iodide Potash; Quinine; Morphine; Bism. Meas; Veratrum; Castor Oil; Tannic Acid; Tannic Acid; Camphor; Opium; Cardamine; Ayer's Cherry Pectoral; Stabler's Expecto- rant; Ayer's Pills; Wright's Ointment; McLane's Ointment; Haerlin Oil; Sarsaparilla; and Bull's Sarsaparilla; Kennedy's Medical Discovery; Oswego Corn Starch; just received, and for sale by

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Jan 7

LINED OIL—A full supply, just received;

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Jan 10

SPICES, &c. FOR THE SEASON—Ground

Mace, Allspice, Cinnamon and Cloves, Cinnamon Seed, Anise and Caraway Seeds, Cox's Sparkling Gelatine, Cooper's Isinglass, Lemon Vanilla Oil, Stick Cinnamon, Extracts of Lemon, Vanilla and Butter Almond, Whole Spice, Ground English Mustard, Ground Ginger, &c., &c., on hand, and for sale by

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dec 19 No. 94 King street.

SOAPS, &c.—Honey Soap, Empire Soap,

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COLDS, &c.—This valuable medicine has been extensively used in this city for two years, and has never been known to fail in giving satisfaction in a single instance. To be found at

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dec 25

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Sole of the Golden Rod.

nov 25

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